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This is in response to appellant's communication filed December 19, 2001 (paper #15).

Appellant's Supplemental Brief received October 19, 2001 has been entered and given a paper number 13 ½.

The Supplemental Brief was matched with the file after the mailing of the Examiner's Answer (paper #14) in response to appellant's Original Brief (paper #13). However, no further response to the Supplemental Brief is necessary since the Supplemental Brief merely changed the grouping of the claims from the Original Brief, and the change did not substantively alter the issues of the appeal. The Examiner's Answer is fully responsive to the Supplemental Brief.

This application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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